

DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Blight Elimination and Brownfields Redevelopment Program

The Blight Elimination and Brownfields Redevelopment Program is designed to assist local governments, businesses and individuals with blight elimination and assessing or remediating the environmental contamination of an abandoned, idle, or underused industrial or commercial facility or site. A redevelopment plan that promotes economic development and has a positive effect on the environment is an essential element in a successful application.

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Community Based Economic Development Program

The Community Based Economic Development Program makes grant funds available to local governments for economic development planning, and to development organizations for development projects, business assistance grants, and business incubator/technology based incubator grants.

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Main Street Program

The Main Street Program is a comprehensive downtown economic revitalization program that emphasizes historic preservation, design, promotional, and economic restructuring activities. Up to three additional communities are selected each year through a competitive process. Each community must hire a downtown manager and receive free technical assistance, including business management and design assistance, from the state program and the National Main Street Center for a five-year period.

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Public Facilities Program

The Wisconsin Community Development Block Grant Public Facilities Program provides grant funds to the State's small cities. Eligible communities include: all towns, villages, or cities that are not entitlement communities; and any county, other than Milwaukee, most of Dane, and Waukesha counties. Eligible activities include publicly owned utility system improvements, streets, handicapped accessibility projects, community centers and other public facilities such as fire department buildings and developmentally disabled centers.

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Public Facilities for Economic Development Program

Through the Public Facilities for Economic Development Program, communities can access funds to help pay the costs of infrastructure improvements needed to provide for business expansions or start-ups that will result in job creation and substantial private investment in the area. Eligible activities include water and sewer extensions, street extensions and related improvements. Eligible applicants are general purpose units of government with populations of less than 50,000 and all counties except Milwaukee, most of Dane, and Waukesha.

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Emergency Grant Program

The Public Facilities Emergency Grant Program can assist communities of less than 50,000 population that are faced with emergency repairs and expenditures related to restoring use of its infrastructure that has suffered damages as a result of natural or other catastrophic events. The community must have also exhausted its available financial resources, and needs additional financing to undertake the repairs, replacement, or other emergency response. The program is similar to the Public Facilities Program described above, but differs in that assistance is available on a continuous basis to respond to emergency situations.

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Health Professions Loan Assistance Program

The Health Professions Loan Assistance Program repays higher education loans of up to \$50,000 for physicians and dentists and up to \$25,000 for nurse practitioners, physician assistants, dental hygienists, and certified nurse midwives, in return for a 3-year commitment to practice in medical shortage areas in Wisconsin. This program helps high-need communities recruit and retain primary health care providers, strengthen their health infrastructure and improve access to health care for their residents.

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